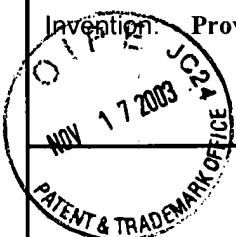


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9.

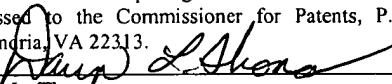
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In Fig. 2, the lead lines from 102 and 107 have been revised. The section lines for elements 100 and 102 in Figs. 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been changed to indicate metal. Fig. 3 has also been revised to add reference numeral 102. The wall that extends across the front of the shroud 100 in Fig. 3 has been deleted, and the chassis wall 108 has been added to Fig. 3, as requested by the Examiner.

In Fig. 3, the electrical connection of the housing 132 to the cable shield 134 has been added. Note that this feature was depicted in the informal drawings but was inadvertently left out of the formal drawings. Also, the electrical connection of the housing 132 to the cable shield is described in the specification. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

With the amended figures provided in the attached replacement drawing sheets, the drawing objections have been overcome.